

## California Healthy Marriages Coalition

### **Organization Description**

The California Healthy Marriages Coalition (CHMC) empowers marriage- and family-support coalitions throughout the State of California. The mission of CHMC is to build a coalition of coalitions that will forge the capacity needed for families throughout California to have greater access to Relationship Skills Training (RST) programs. RST equips families with the skills and knowledge necessary to form and sustain a healthy marriage and family, overcome the risk of gang influence and involvement, and make the transition from welfare to work.

### **Project Description**

The California Healthy Marriages Project will develop and nurture a coalition of coalitions to help families within California have greater access to programs that will equip them with the skills and knowledge necessary to form and sustain a healthy marriage and family, overcome the risk of gang influence and involvement, and make the transition from welfare to work.

### **Geographic Scope of Project**

The State of California.

### **Sub-Awards**

CHMC will offer a total of \$250,000 in sub-awards to approximately 20 competitively selected coalitions and organizations to help build their capacity as they work to build healthy marriages and families.

### **Priority Areas**

Marriage education and preparation services to help couples form and sustain healthy marriages; at-risk youth; and families in transition from welfare to work.

### **Project Objectives**

Through the Healthy Marriage & Families Project, CHMC will assist marriage- and family-strengthening coalitions and organizations throughout California to increase sustainability and effectiveness, enhance their ability to provide social services, diversify their funding sources, and create collaborations to better serve those in need. CHMC will accomplish these objectives by providing training, technical assistance, and sub-awards to selected grassroots faith-based and community organizations (FBCOs) to build their organizational capacity in the five critical areas of capacity building.

### **Project Strategy**

CHMC will foster the development of approximately 20 marriage- and family-support coalitions/organizations around the state—enabling grassroots organizations to maximize their social impact in providing Relationship Skills Training (RST) services, and becoming the country's first statewide coalition of coalitions working to support healthy marriages and families.

### **Project Outcomes**

This project will lead to an increase in capacity, effectiveness, service-

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level offerings and sustainability of the marriage- and family-strengthening coalitions and organizations participating in this project, which will result in an increase in the availability and accessibility of Relationship Skills Training (RST) services throughout the state—enabling a greater number of California residents to obtain the skills and knowledge necessary to form and sustain a healthy marriage and family, overcome the risk of gang influence and involvement, and make the transition from welfare to work.

### **Grant Award Amount**

\$583,475